

## MINUTES ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Greenville, NC  
April 10, 2003

The Greenville City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, third floor of the Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert D. Parrott presiding. The meeting was called to order, followed by the invocation by Council Member Rose H. Glover and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following were present.

Mayor Robert D. Parrott  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ric Miller  
Council Member Mildred A. Council  
Council Member Ray Craft  
Council Member Pat Dunn  
Council Member Rose H. Glover  
Council Member Chip Little  
Marvin W. Davis, City Manager  
Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk  
David A. Holec, City Attorney

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Davis reported that a request was received in accordance with the policy from Dede Carney to speak to the Council regarding Affordable Housing Month.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Glover to grant the request by Dede Carney to address the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Davis reported that a letter was received requesting that the rezoning request by HMM Investments be continued until May.

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Craft to continue the rezoning request by Vance and William Harrington (HMM Investments) until May. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Council to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

#### Affordable Housing Loan Committee

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to appoint Chris Darden to the Affordable Housing Loan Committee to replace Angel Cox for an unexpired

term that expires February 2004 and to appoint Tameka Jones as the Alternate Member for a first term to expire February 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Citizens Advisory Commission on Cable Television

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Council to appoint Eric Anderson for a first three-year term to expire March 2006, replacing Phillips Dougherty, who is ineligible for reappointment; to appoint Andy Miller to fill an unexpired term that expires March 2004, replacing Barry Gaskins, who is deceased; and to appoint Tonya Armwood to a first three-year term to expire March 2006, replacing Shirley Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Community Appearance Commission

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to appoint Shane Ernst to fill an unexpired term that expires July 2003, replacing Sarah Pritchard, to reappoint Lawrence Spell to a first three-year term to expire April 2006, and to reappoint Lib Proctor and Cheryl Williamson to a second three-year term to expire April 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Environmental Advisory Commission

Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Council Member Council to reappoint Ann Tiernan to a second three-year term to expire April 2006 as the at-large member from the Greenville community and to continue the replacements for Elaine Anderson and Donnie Brewer. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Human Relations Council

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Dunn to appoint Walter Sadler to the Human Relations Council to fill an unexpired term that expires September 2005, replacing Jeffrey Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

#### APPOINTMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to appoint Mary Chatman as an initial appointee to the Redevelopment Commission for a term to expire November 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ORDINANCE ANNEXING PARK PLACE, BLOCK A, LOT 8 LOCATED ON THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HERBERT COURT NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH HEMBY LANE - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by the Moye Heirs to annex Park Place, Block A, Lot 8, involving 1.245 acres located on the eastern

right-of-way of Herbert Court near its intersection with Hemby Lane. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Merrill Flood, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 1. The property is currently vacant and the proposed use is an office. The current and estimated population at full development is 0.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt the ordinance annexing Park Place, Block A, Lot 8, located on the eastern right-of-way of Herbert Court near its intersection with Hemby Lane. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-25)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING HOLLY GLEN LOCATED ON THE WESTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ALLEN ROAD ADJACENT TO ALLENTON ESTATES, SECTION 1, AND NORTH OF THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Kenneth P. Whichard to annex Holly Glen, involving 7.42 acres located on the western right-of-way of Allen Road adjacent to Allenton Estates, Section 1, and approximately 824 feet north of the Norfolk Southern Railroad. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Merrill Flood, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 1. The property is currently vacant and the proposed use is 129 multi-family dwelling units. The current population is 0, and the anticipated population at full development is 316, with 59 being minority.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Council to adopt the ordinance annexing Holly Glen, involving 7.42 acres located on the western right-of-way of Allen Road adjacent to Allenton Estates, Section 1, and approximately 824 feet north of the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-26)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING A PORTION OF THE SAINT GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DICKINSON AVENUE EXTENSION, ADJACENT TO LAKE ELLSWORTH AND WEST OF STAR HILL FARM ROAD - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Bishop F. Joseph Gossman to annex a portion of the St. Gabriel's Catholic Church property,

involving 34.488 acres located on the northern right-of-way of Dickinson Avenue Extension, adjacent to Lake Ellsworth and approximately 320 feet west of Star Hill Farm Road. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Flood delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 1. The property is church property, with no anticipated population.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Craft to adopt the ordinance annexing a portion of the Saint Garbriel's Catholic Church property, involving 34.488 acres located on the northern right-of-way of Dickinson Avenue Extension, adjacent to Lake Ellsworth and approximately 320 feet west of Star Hill Farm Road. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 02-27)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROVIDENCE PLACE, SECTION 2, LOCATED NORTH OF THOMAS LANGSTON ROAD ON PROVIDENCE PLACE BETWEEN PROVIDENCE PLACE, SECTION 1, AND LANGSTON FARMS - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by TMH Properties to annex Providence Place, Section 2, involving 9.151 acres located north of Thomas Langston Road on Providence Place between Providence Place, Section 1, and Langston Farms. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Flood delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 5. The property is currently vacant, and 33 single-family dwellings are to be constructed on the property. The current population is 0. The anticipated population is 78, with 26 being minority.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Craft to adopt the ordinance annexing Providence Place, Section 2, involving 9.151 acres located north of Thomas Langston Road on Providence Place between Providence Place, Section 1, and Langston Farms. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-28)

ORDINANCE ANNEXING STERLING POINTE, SECTIONS 5 AND 6, LOCATED ON THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STERLING TRACE DRIVE ON STERLING POINTE DRIVE ADJACENT TO STERLING TRACE AND STERLING POINTE, SECTION 4 - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Vanrack, Inc. to annex Sterling Pointe, Sections 5 and 6, involving 31.101 acres located on the

eastern right-of-way of Sterling Trace Drive on Sterling Pointe Drive adjacent to Sterling Trace and Sterling Pointe, Section 4. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Flood delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 5. The property is currently vacant and development of 77 single-family dwellings is planned. The current population is 0, and the anticipated population at full development is 181, with 59 being minority.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt the ordinance annexing Sterling Pointe, Section 5 and 6, involving 31.101 acres located on the eastern right-of-way of Sterling Trace Drive on Sterling Pointe Drive adjacent to Sterling Trace and Sterling Pointe, Section 4. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-29)

**ORDINANCE ANNEXING TARA VILLAGE LOCATED ON THE WESTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CHARLES BOULEVARD, NORTH OF TURNBURY DRIVE - ADOPTED**

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Rudolf Hans Scheller and Dorothy T. Taft to annex Tara Village, involving 16.757 acres located on the western right-of-way of Charles Boulevard approximately 320 feet north of Turnbury Drive. This is a contiguous annexation.

Mr. Flood delineated the property on a map and stated that the property is located in Voting District 5. The property is currently vacant. The proposed use is 150 multi-family dwellings and two offices. The current population is 0; the anticipated population at full development is 353, with 14 being minority.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt the ordinance annexing Tara Village located on the western right-of-way of Charles Boulevard approximately 320 feet north of Turnbury Drive. Motion carried with a vote of 5:1. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and Council Members Dunn, Glover, Little and Craft voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Council voted in opposition. (Ordinance No. 03-30)

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATION TABLE OF USES TO INCLUDE THE USE ENTITLED "RESTAURANT; FAST FOOD" AS A PERMITTED USE WITHIN THE MCG, CD, CDF, AND CG COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS AND TO INCLUDE SPECIAL STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 9-4-103 - ADOPTED**

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31 and April 7, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by the Planning and Community Development Department to amend the Zoning

Regulation Table of Uses to include the use entitled “Restaurant; Fast Food” as a permitted use within the MCG, CD, CDF, and CG commercial districts and to include special standards under Section 9-4-103. At its March 18, 2003 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission, voted to recommend approval.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this is an amendment to revise the table of uses for MOG, CD, CDF and CG commercial zoning districts to include fast food restaurants as a permitted use in substitution of the current special use requirements and to include special standards under Section 9-4-103. The special use conditions in the Code will apply to the permitted use, fast food restaurant category. In addition, a fourth condition specifically with respect to the exterior menu reader boards has been added. If the reader boards contain audio speakers, they have to be set back at least 50 feet from an adjoining residential property and be directed away from the residential property. The staff surveyed 13 North Carolina cities, and they all allowed fast food restaurants as a permitted use in all commercial districts with the exception of neighborhood or business park commercial. Current regulations and special use permit requirements for neighborhood commercial and office zones will not change.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Glover to adopt the ordinance amending the Zoning Regulation Table of Uses to include the use entitled “Restaurant; Fast Food” as a permitted use within the MCG, CD, CDF, and CG commercial districts and to include special standards under Section 9-4-103. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-31)

#### RESOLUTION RENAMING PARK PLACE COURT TO ALLEN TAYLOR COURT - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 31 and April 7, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing to consider a request by Eastern Radiologists to rename Park Place Court to Allen Taylor Court. At its March 18, 2003 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission, voted to recommend approval of the request.

Mr. Hamilton explained that Allen Taylor is the founder of Eastern Radiologists. Staff has no objection to the requested street renaming. The applicants own 100% of the surrounding property.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to adopt the resolution renaming Park Place Court to Allen Taylor Court. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 03-17)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY N.C.G.S. 160A-20 REGARDING BRADFORD CREEK GOLF COURSE - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis reported that notice of public hearing was published in The Daily Reflector on March 27, 2003 setting this time, date and place for a public hearing regarding the refinancing, pursuant to an installment financing contract, of Bradford Creek Golf Course. This is not new or additional debt.

Ms. Bernita Demery, Director of Financial Services, explained that staff wishes to apply to the Local Government Commission to refinance Bradford Creek Golf Course. The City is currently in a lease purchase arrangement at five percent interest for five years. First Citizens Bank can provide a rate of 3.02% for 10 years. The annual payment, including principal and interest, will be \$160,000, and the current payment is \$250,000.

Mayor Parrott declared the public hearing open and solicited comments from the audience. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Little to adopt the resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by N.C.G.S. 160A-20 regarding Bradford Creek Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 03-18)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN

Ms. Dede Carney, a member of the Board of North Carolina Low-Income Housing Coalition, informed the Council that April 14 is the day of action to put the spotlight on affordable housing. It was the intent to take the Council on a tour; however, schedules could not be arranged to do so. She thanked the Council for its efforts with affordable housing and with getting involved with affordable housing and informed them that there is more that can be done. The community is moving in the right direction. Because first time homebuyers are typically the ones that need the most help, it is important that a real estate agent be involved in that process. She asked that the Council consider that for future subdivisions. It hampers some homebuyers if they get predator lenders.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENVILLE CITY CODE TO ALLOW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A CITY-OWNED PARKING LOT FOR FREEBOOT FRIDAYS - ADOPTED

City Manager Davis explained that the Chairperson of the Promotions Committee for Uptown Greenville, Debbie Vargas, requested that City Council consider an amendment to the City Code that restricts the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on property owned or operated by the City so that the Uptown Greenville Freeboot Friday series may be conducted in City-owned parking lots. This event has been successful to the extent that a larger site is necessary. The amendment, as proposed, will allow the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages at City-owned or operated properties with several safeguard conditions with the approval of the City Manager. It also provides that when considering whether to allow this for an event or series of

events, that the City Manager shall consider the following factors, which will provide safeguards:

- (1) that the sponsoring organization is a community organization,
- (2) that the event or series of events is primarily not a fund raising event,
- (3) that the location and time for the event is appropriate, and
- (4) that the plans of the sponsoring organization relating to control of sale, crowd control, cleanup, and other public safety matters are adequate.

Ms. Debbie Vargas stated that the pilot event of Freeboot Fridays has been positive. A lot was done to partner with Greenville to make it a positive environment. This event now has a three-year track record. Ms. Vargas stressed how people need to hear about the positive things going on, and there have been no negative instances associated with Freeboot Fridays, which involves people of all ages. It is the only environment in the uptown area that allows people to get off of work and come out and enjoy casual atmosphere. It has been supported by a lot of facets of the community. Events such as Freeboot Fridays can drive commerce into the area. Many businesses have already been attracted—restaurants, bakeries, etc. Such an event gives people a reason to come uptown throughout the day. Freeboot Fridays has certainly been a positive event for the uptown area.

Upon being asked about the cost of cleanup from the event, City Manager Davis replied that is handled by the sponsoring organization.

Concern was expressed about the ABC permits and also about children being allowed to be present when alcohol is being served.

City Attorney Holec stated that the sponsoring organization would be responsible for getting the appropriate permits. There is no restriction on who can attend the event. The requirement is who gets served has to be of legal age, and the sponsoring organization has to demonstrate that they are controlling that.

Upon being asked who would be responsible for security, City Manager Davis replied that the application of the sponsoring agency would include a security plan, which would include law enforcement personnel.

Ms. Vargas stated that they are trying to provide a positive atmosphere for all ages and all kinds of people. It is very well organized and very controlled. This is a very positive event.

Mr. Don Edwards and others from Uptown Greenville were present to answer any questions.

Ms. Vargas stated that this was designed to not be the private party nightclub environment. It was designed for people to make their own decisions. It is not a threatening environment, but, in fact, is a very positive environment.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt the ordinance amending the City Code to allow alcoholic beverages in a City-owned parking lot for Freeboot Fridays. Motion carried with a vote of 5:1. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and Council



Members Dunn, Glover, Little and Craft voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Council voted in opposition. (Ordinance No. 03-32)

LEASE AGREEMENT OF SPACE IN THE C.M. EPPES RECREATION CENTER TO WEST GREENVILLE REGIONAL RESOURCES, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION - APPROVED

City Manager Davis reviewed a lease that provides space in the C. M. Eppes Recreation Center to West Greenville Regional Resources, Inc. The lease will begin April 15 and will be valid for one year, at which time it is renewable. The rent will be \$1 per year. The space will be used for recreational, educational and cultural activities for youth and adults. It will be the same space used by Weed and Seed, and the equipment will go with the lease. The lease was prepared by the City Attorney and has been reviewed by Mr. Ozie Hall of West Greenville Regional Resources, Inc.

City Attorney Holec informed the Council that the lease has provisions in it that will protect the City's interest.

Mr. Hall explained that a group was organized to deal with the issue of the ending of the funding for the Weed and Seed Program. The community got together and got an entity that could continue the activities that were taking place at the site. An application has been prepared for 501(c)(3) status and steps have been taken to make it a viable organization. Some funding sources have been identified that will be needed to keep it going. The Weed and Seed Program was providing a great service and that service will be continued through the efforts of West Greenville Regional Resource, Inc. and the community, who has stepped forward to try to save it. Things will be put into place in a timely fashion and that will happen before the keys are turned over.

Ms. Minnie Anderson, President of West Greenville Regional Resource, Inc., informed the Council that she is a developer and has run a corporation before. The community is hoping for a new look in West Greenville and any other blighted area. There are some dedicated people on the team that has come up with an agenda to encourage and promote the residents in the area. The people have wanted more for a long time, and now they have a vehicle to promote it to maintain the character of the neighborhood. It is hoped that people will bring their children in for tutoring and computers. Classes will be held for anyone interested. Several people have volunteered to help, and the police have agreed to help. People need to take a real interest in the neighborhood. In West Greenville, there is no question as to who the leaders are or who to call if there is a question or concern; they are Mildred Council and Rose Glover. People have faith in the Council Members and it is hoped that the Council will not let the residents down. Good leadership can lead the people and the City into the promised land. There is a season for everything, and tonight is the night to send a clear message that the Council cares for all the people of Greenville and that it wants the best for all of them. Ms. Anderson asked that the Council not leave the people of West Greenville behind. There needs to be continuity in the program, and, if given the chance, they can do it.

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to approve the lease agreement with West Greenville Regional Resources, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to

lease a portion of the C.M. Eppes Recreation Center consisting of the classroom, computer room, office, and restroom located at the southern portion of said center.

Upon being asked if the group has their 501(c)(3) documents, Mr. Hall replied that they have begun the process and hope to have it expedited.

Upon being asked if the group has a mission statement, Mr. Hall responded that they have by-laws that have been adopted; however, they do not yet have a mission statement. They are meeting almost daily putting those things together. The charter has been obtained, and they have gone through the organizational process. They have also identified some sources of funding.

Council Member Council explained that she and Council Member Glover are a part of this and questioned whether they should be allowed to vote.

City Attorney Holec stated that the two Council Members would not receive any compensation for their services as incorporators or directors. They are not disqualified from voting and it is not a conflict of interest. The group is incorporated. They don't have 501(c)(3) status yet; however, the incorporation has been accomplished.

Upon being asked if the City would have any responsibility as far as insurance, City Attorney Holec replied that the group is a corporation and the activities are not City activities. Therefore, the insurance provided by the group would address claims.

The Council then voted on the motion made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to approve the lease agreement with West Greenville Regional Resources, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to lease a portion of the C.M. Eppes Recreation Center consisting of the classroom, computer room, office, and restroom located at the southern portion of said center. Motion carried unanimously. (Contract No. 1244)

#### ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2002-2003 CITY OF GREENVILLE BUDGET ORDINANCE REGARDING CEMETERY ACQUISITION - ADOPTED

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the acquisition of the Homestead Memorial Gardens Cemetery for \$325,000 and to adopt the ordinance amending the 2002-2003 City of Greenville Budget Ordinance for the acquisition of Homestead Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously (Ordinance No. 03-33)

Staff was asked to provide a schedule of improvements that need to be done to Homestead Cemetery.

#### ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET - ADOPTED

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Glover to adopt the ordinance amending the Cemetery Development Capital Project Budget. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-34)

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION'S SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR THE WESTSIDE SECTION IV OUTFALL SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION - ADOPTED

Mr. Warren Newton, Financial Services Director of Greenville Utilities Commission, was present to answer questions.

Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt the ordinance amending the Greenville Utilities Commission's Sewer Capital Projects Budget for the Westside Section IV Outfall Sanitary Sewer Extension. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-35)

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT 480V ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT - ADOPTED

Mr. Newton was present to answer questions.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to adopt an ordinance establishing a Greenville Utilities Commission Water Capital Projects Budget for the Water Treatment Plant 480V Electrical Equipment Replacement. Motion carried unanimously. (Ordinance No. 03-36)

REQUEST BY NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY AT GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION'S WINTERVILLE SUBSTATION FOR THE FIRE TOWER ROAD WIDENING PROJECT - APPROVED

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Council to approve a request by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to acquire property at Greenville Utilities Commission's Winterville Substation for the Fire Tower Road Widening Project. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Dunn stated that she participated in the Arbor Day Celebration at Eastern School and the City was presented with a Tree City USA flag. She showed the flag to the Council. This is the tenth year the City has received this honor.

Council Member Council stated that today the Food Bank of North Carolina had its spring open house. This organization exists hoping that no one will go hungry. This place serves 10 counties and is located at 497 Ninth Street.

Council Member Council stated that Phase 2 of Treybrooke Apartments has been completed and the ribbon cutting has been held.

Council Member Council stated that Greenville has \$1.9 million owed to its citizens from the escheat fund. A report was published by County Commissioner Minges. Council Member Council encouraged citizens to see if they are owed money.

Council Member Council reported that Boy Scout Troop will be holding a fundraiser on April 19 at Mack's Place. They will be selling chicken, trout and combination plates.

Council Member Glover expressed appreciation for the Council's support of the West Greenville Regional Resource, Inc. It is important that the services continue and that they can work with the City and all entities to make it better for our community. They are looking forward to great things continuing to happen.

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller thanked Mr. Tyson and his group for making this a reality.

Mayor Parrott echoed Mayor Pro-Tem Miller's comments.

Council Member Little stated that there is a community meeting going on in West Greenville on April 23 at 3:00. He gave the dates and times of future meetings.

Council Member Craft encouraged all citizens to submit an application for boards and commissions.

Council Member Craft stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Tyson and looks forward to helping his cause.

Council Member Craft stated that Tom's Restaurant closed Saturday.

Council Member Council stated that this weekend in Hickory they are having Duke University Alzheimer's Caregivers conference. She encouraged anyone who has a relative with Alzheimer's Disease to attend the conference on April 12.

Council Member Glover stated that no flyers had been distributed in her community for the upcoming meetings regarding revitalization. Mr. Merrill Flood, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that they were delivered door-to-door in the focus area and in churches. More will be distributed.

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

### Good News Report

City Manager Davis stated that the annual Spring Clean-Up was a success and thanked those who were responsible for making it a success.

Change in Budget Meeting Date from Thursday, April 17, to Monday, April 28, 2003 at 5:30 PM

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Craft to change the budget meeting date from Thursday, April 17, to Monday, April 28, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Cancellation of Third Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Month

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Craft to cancel the April 21, 2003 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Hall Day

City Manager Davis informed the Council that Town Hall Day will be held on May 21. On this day, most municipalities in North Carolina will go to the General Assembly to talk with their legislators. It is expected that the City representatives will leave City Hall at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 3:30 p.m. He asked the Council Members to let the City Clerk know if they will be attending.

Cooperative Efforts

City Manager Davis stated that a more regional effort is being made to get things done. He suggested that the City partner with Rocky Mount and Wilson to invite the legislative delegation to an event to pursue common interests. He suggested a Monday morning.

The consensus of the Council was that this is a good idea.

Appointees to Work on Design of City Hall

City Manager Davis suggested that there be two City Council appointees to work on the design of the City Hall. The funds have been approved, and staff needs to move forward.

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and Council Member Dunn were appointed to work on the design of the new City Hall.

Groundbreaking of the Amphitheater

City Manager Davis reminded the Council that the groundbreaking for the new amphitheater will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda T. Elks, CMC  
City Clerk